

FISCAL NOTE

HB 1695 - SB 1994

March 7, 2005

SUMMARY OF BILL: Exempts anyone 25 years of age or older from the motorcycle helmet requirements with proof of comprehensive health insurance other than TennCare and proof of completing an approved motorcycle rider education program. Violation is a Class C misdemeanor punishable by a \$50 fine of which \$10 is deposited in the Traumatic Brain Injury Fund.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

**Increase State Revenues – Less than \$2,500/General Fund
\$500/Traumatic Brain Injury Fund
Increase State Expenditures – Not Significant**

**Increase Local Govt. Revenues – Not Significant
Increase Local Govt. Expenditures - Not Significant**


**Other Fiscal Impact – Increase Expenditures – Exceeds \$100,000
Crash-related injuries (head injuries) occur which would not have occurred in the absence of the bill to individuals on state or local government health plans; the health plans could experience increased costs; persons who are not currently eligible for TennCare could sustain injuries and resulting health care costs to “spend down” assets and become eligible.**

Assumptions:

- There could be a slight increase in violations for unauthorized persons not wearing a helmet if this law is passed. Estimated number of violations is 50 per year
- The average fine would increase by \$40 per fine thus increasing state and local revenues.
- The Traumatic Brain Injury Fund would receive \$10 of each fine thus increasing revenue by \$500.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James W. White, Executive Director

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